

Second Grade Home Reading

This brochure lists titles of books that your second grader will enjoy. They were jointly selected by librarians of the Long Beach Public Library and by the Long Beach Unified School District teachers and librarians because they are particularly interesting and engaging for second grade children.

Although these titles were chosen mainly to be read aloud, second graders will be able also to read some of these titles independently. Choose books of both types for your child.

Some of the titles on the list may be familiar to you; you may remember them as favorites from your own childhood. Other titles are more recent and may introduce you to new authors and illustrators. Either way, be sure that the books you and your child select to read are ones you both enjoy. If a book is a “hit” with a child, parents may well end up reading it again and again. It’s much more pleasant to reread books we really like!

You will find that many of these authors have written more than one book. If you discover authors you and your child particularly enjoy, you may wish to read other books by them that are not listed in the brochure. Please do! Your child’s teacher, as well as the librarian at your school and at the public library, will be happy to help you find more books by these authors.

Some of these books are available from your school library, and you will find others at public libraries. A list of local public libraries is included on this brochure; call to find out the hours they are open. If you don’t have a public library card, you can get one at no cost when you visit any library branch. Just bring identification with you that shows your current address.

Books make wonderful gifts for birthdays and holidays, too. Consider buying your child a favorite title to keep. Local bookstores have children’s sections which stock many of the books listed as well as others by the same authors. Helping children to start their personal libraries helps them to become readers as well.

Children learn to read well when the school, home, and community work together to make books important parts of their lives. Please use this brochure as a resource for book titles and places to find them. And, please, read aloud to your child every day. It really does make a difference!

Book List

Fiction

- Adler, David **Young Cam Jansen (series)**
 Allard, Harry **Miss Nelson Is Missing!**
 Bemelmans, Ludwig **Madeline**
 Brett, Jan **Gingerbread Baby**
 Bunting, Eve **The Wednesday Surprise**
 Clements, Andrew **Big Al**
 Cox, Judy **My Family Plays Music**
 Dorros, Arthur **Abuela**
 Duke, Kate **Aunt Isabel Tells a Good One**
 Elya, Susan Middleton **Eight Animals on the Town**
 Friedman, Ina R. **How My Parents Learned to Eat**
 Garland, Michael **Miss Smith’s Incredible Storybook**
 Ho, Minfong **Hush!: A Thai Lullaby**
 Jackson, Alison **I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie**
 Kasza, Keiko **The Wolf’s Chicken Stew**
 Kirk, Daniel **Snow Dude**
 Kraus, Robert **Leo the Late Bloomer**
 Krosoczka, Jarrett J. **Punk Farm**
 Marshall, James **George and Martha (series)**
 McKissack, Patrici **Mirandy and Brother Wind**
 Miller, Sara **Three Stories You Can Read to Your Cat**
 Noble, Trinka Hakes **The Day Jimmy’s Boa Ate the Wash**
 O’Malley, Kevin **Captain Raptor and the Moon Mystery**
 Palatini, Margie **Piggie Pie!**
 Parish, Peggy **Amelia Bedelia (series)**
 Peet, Bill **Cowardly Clyde**
 Potter, Beatrix **The Tale of Peter Rabbit**
 Rylant, Cynthia **Henry and Mudge (series)**
 Scieszka, Jon **Baloney, (Henry P.)**
 Seuss, Dr. **And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street**
 Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman **Nate the Great (series)**

Book List *continued*

- Soto, Gary **Chato’s Kitchen**
 Steig, William **Sylvester and the Magic Pebble**
 Taylor, Livingston **Can I Be Good?**
 Thayer, Jane **The Puppy Who Wanted a Boy**
 Thomas, Shelley Moore **Good Night, Good Knight**
 Van Allsburg, Chris **Two Bad Ants**
 Williams, Linda . . **The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything**
 Wood, Audrey **Heckedy Peg**
 Woodson, Jacqueline **The Other Side**

Non-Fiction

- Adler, David **A Picture Book of... (series)**
 Alikei **Corn is Maize: The Gift of the Indians**
 Bruchac, Joseph **How Chipmunk Got His Stripes**
 Galdone, Paul **The Teeny Tiny Woman: A Ghost Story**
 Grimes, Nikki **Thanks a Million**
 Haley, Gail E. **A Story, A Story: An African Tale**
 Kudlinski, Kathleen V. **Boy, Were We Wrong About the Dinosaurs!**
 Morris, Ann **Bread, Bread, Bread**
 Mosel, Arlene **Tikki Tikki Tembo**
 Pinkney, Jerry, ill. **The Little Red Hen**
 Sierra, Judy **Monster Goose**



The Tale of Peter Rabbit
 by Beatrix Potter
 Published by Frederick Warne & Co., Ltd. and New York

Long Beach Public Libraries

MAIN LIBRARY .....	.570-7500
101 Pacific Avenue	
ALAMITOS .....	.570-1037
1836 E.Third Street	
BACH .....	.570-1038
4055 Bellflower Blvd.	
BAY SHORE .....	.570-1039
195 Bay Shore Avenue	
BREWITT .....	.570-1040
4036 E.Anaheim Street	
BURNETT .....	.570-1041
560 E. Hill Street	
DANA .....	.570-1042
3680 Atlantic Avenue	
EL DORADO .....	.570-3136
2900 Studebaker Road	
HARTE .....	.570-1044
1595 W.Willow Street	
LOS ALTOS .....	.570-1045
5614 Britton Drive	
MARK TWAIN .....	.570-1046
1325 E.Anaheim Street	
NORTH570-1047
5571 Orange Avenue	

Los Angeles County Library

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4990 N. Clark Avenue, Lakewood	



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Madeline

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